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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



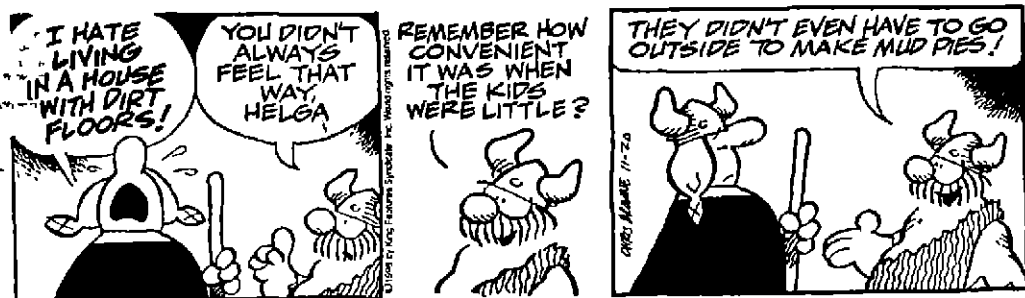
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



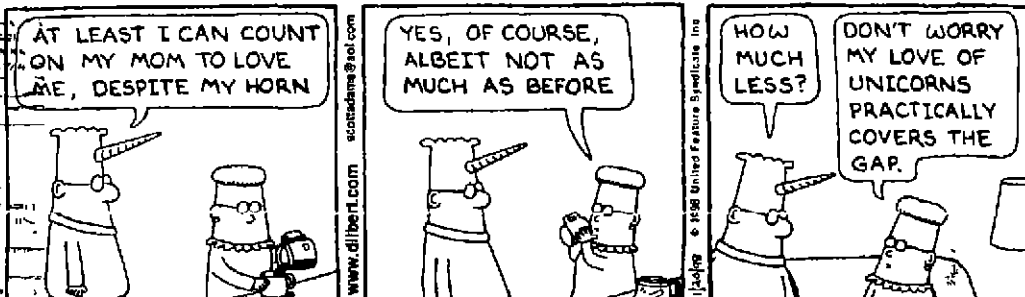
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



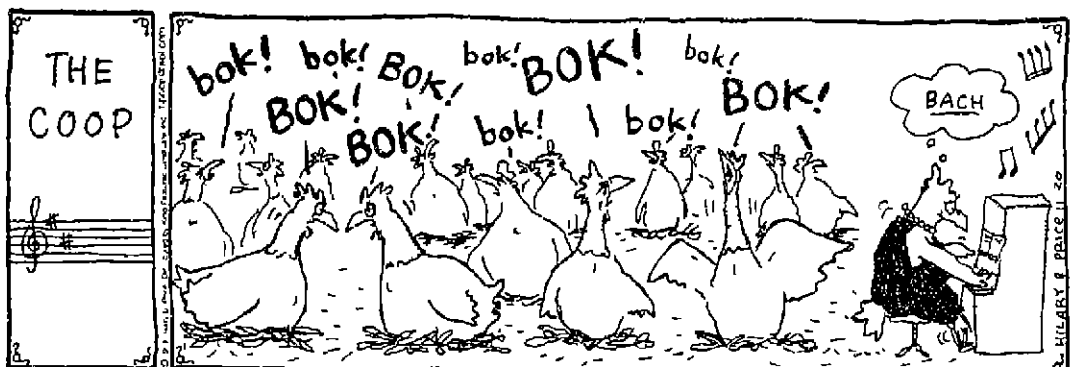
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author and TV personality Alistair Cooke is 90. Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 72. Actress Estelle Parsons is 71. Television personality Richard Dawson is 66. Comedian Dick Smothers is 59. Singer Kim Weston is 59. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 52. Actress Bo Derek is 42. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 41. Actress Sean Young is 39.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. Includes racks of letters and a list of words.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You find yourself feeling far more stubborn than usual. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is easy to be generous when your resources are unlimited. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your voice is muted by forces quite beyond your control. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A struggle between home and career leaves you feeling confused. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your feelings of apathy leave you far more inclined to hibernate. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are determined to let go and enjoy yourself. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Now that the coast is clear it's time you got back on track professionally. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to stay open-minded when a highly unusual situation presents itself. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The gods of luck are smiling happily upon you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A positive approach to a difficult situation will greatly impress all the right people. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are filled with a sense of discipline which you've been lacking lately. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Make sure that you don't get lost in the crowd by following the opinions of others.

WORD SLEUTH

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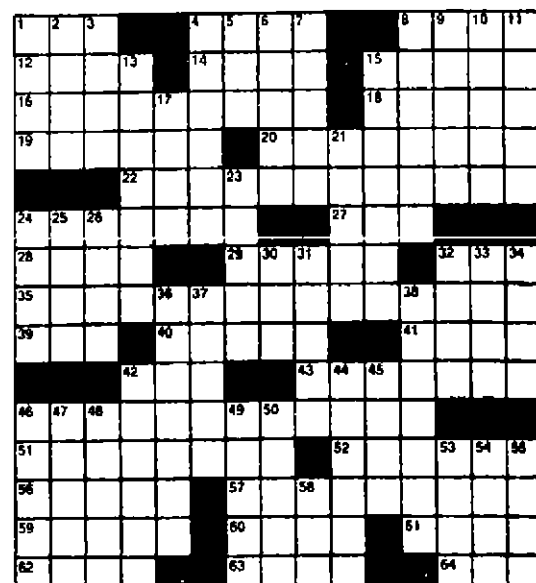
ACES

By Bobby Wolff. After West's passive heart lead South can count eight top winners. He has chances in either black suit to develop a ninth winner. After a comfortable heart lead, South considers his options. If clubs are 3-3, he can develop his fourth club for his game-going trick. However, as a 3-3 split is only a 36 percent chance, he rejects the club suit and chooses to develop a spade winner instead. If he crosses to dummy in diamonds, planning on two spade finesses, the chances are better. This line succeeds whenever East has either spade honor or both of them (favorable odds of 3-1). Unfortunately, the 3-1 shot fails to pay off. West has both spade honors, and South cannot cash dummy's high spade because dummy's diamond entries are gone. A surer way for a ninth winner is to preserve dummy's diamond entry, leading spades from the South hand. At trick two South should cash his spade ace and follow with his queen. West wins but no lead will hurt South. If West shifts to the club queen (best), South wins his ace and concedes a trick to West's spade jack. This builds South's ninth winner, the defenders can win only two more clubs and South scores game and rubber.

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- ACROSS: 1 Like digital clock nos, 4 1978 film sleeper, 8 Neil Sedaka's daughter/co-singer, 12 Hydrodynamic, 14 Caesar's "these", 15 New father's handout, 16 Start of a riddle, 18 Habit, 19 Persistence of memory concept, 20 "Very well, mademoiselle", 22 Riddle, part 2, 24 Scorn, 27 Actress Park-Lincoln of "Knots Landing", 28 Like some textbook publishing, 29 Closer to extinction, 32 Jiffy, 35 Riddle, part 3, 36 "Gardens of", 38 "luck", 41 Night prowler, 42 Andy Capp's wife, 43 Not right now, 44 End of the riddle, 45 Supervisor, 46 Longtime Disney CEO Michael, 48 Jargon, 49 Riddle's answer, 50 Done in, 60 First Lady Harrison, 61 Skater's jumping feat, 62 Ballad, often, 63 Marsupials, informally, 64 Hear.



- DOWN: 1 Rob of "Wayne's World", 2 "High Hopes" lyricist, 3 Use a trawl, 4 Mega bites, 5 Bit-wearer's tidbit, 6 New York Philharmonic conductor, 1978-91, 7 Bitter, 8 Prevent from lawyering, 9 "Encore!", 10 Went ballistic, 11 Dallas's Reunion, 12 Secure for a flight, 13 Flan filling, 14 "The Persistence of Memory" painter, 15 Caught congers, 16 City of Afghanistan, 17 Bicycle set, 18 Magazine à la mode, 26 Move, 28 12-hr stretches, 31 Sphere, 32 Insult, 33 Adm. Zumwalt, 34 Shade of blue, 36 Invisible Man novel, 37 All's opposite, 38 View from the OE2, 42 Prince Andy's sex, 44 Creeping protozoans, 45 Trouble's partner, 46 "The Planets" composer, 47 Province west of Madrid, 48 Corrupt, 49 Fragrant wood, 50 Maine town named for a Penobscot chief, 53 Following, 54 Pourer, 55 Lean (on), 56 Start for a Spanish count.

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